



United States Army Center for Initial Military Training

Staff Sergeant Chad Hickey 2017 Drill Sergeant of the Year

Drill Sergeant Chad Hickey was born in LaGrange, Indiana. He graduated from Lakeland High School in LaGrange, Indiana. After high school, he attended Trine University and worked as a Mechanical Engineer. He enlisted in the Army in 2005 and completed Military Police One Station Unit Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, as a Correctional Specialist.

Drill Sergeant Hickey's assignments include Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he served in B Company, 705th Military Police (MP) Battalion, 256th MP Company, and Headquarter & Headquarters Company (HHC), 705th MP Battalion. While at Fort Leavenworth, Drill Sergeant Hickey deployed to Camp Bucca, Iraq, for 15 months in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was then reassigned to Fort Lewis, WA in 2009 where he served in the 67th MP Company as a Team Leader. In 2010, Drill Sergeant Hickey was reassigned to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where he served as a Squad Leader in the 189th MP Company. In 2012, Drill Sergeant Hickey returned to Fort Leonard Wood and was assigned to HHC, 14th Brigade, where he served as an Advanced Individual Training Instructor and Instructor Writer. In 2014, Drill Sergeant Hickey was assigned as a Training Noncommissioned Officer in the 165th MP Company and Squad Leader in the 526th MP Company. In 2016, he was assigned to E Company, 795th MP Company Battalion as a Senior Drill Sergeant.



Drill Sergeant Hickey's military education includes the Combat Lifesavers Course, Field Sanitation Team Course, Warrior Leader's Course, Advanced Leaders Course (Commandant's List), Cadre Training Course, Army Basic Instructor Course, Interservice Nonlethal Individual Weapons Instructor Course, Antiterrorism Officer Basic Course, Domestic Violence Intervention Training, Antiterrorism Officer Advanced Course, Special Reaction Team Phase 1, Senior Leader's Course (Distinguished Honor Graduate), Sexual Harassment & Assault Response and Prevention Course, Master Resilience Training Course, Drill Sergeant School, and Bus Driver's Course. Drill Sergeant Hickey also has an Associate's Degree in General Studies through American Public University.

Drill Sergeant Hickey's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (5 Oak Leaf Clusters (OLC)), Army Achievement Medal (10 OLC), Good Conduct Medal (4th Award), National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal (2 Bronze Stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, NCO Professional Developmental Ribbon (3), Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Army Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Award), Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, and the Combat Action Badge. Drill Sergeant Hickey has distinguished himself by being selected as the 2017 Fort Leonard Wood Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Drill Sergeant of the Year and the 2017 TRADOC and U.S. Army Drill Sergeant of the Year. He is currently assigned to the U.S. Army Center for Initial Military Training, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia.